

Kolába.

193. The yield of teak remained much the same as that of the previous year. The quantity of firewood removed increased, from 113,411 cubic-feet, to 480,814.

Ratnágiri.

194. The timber-yield of teak and junglewood amounted to 69,350 cubic-feet against 128,575 cubic-feet in 1891-92, and of firewood to 154,844 cubic-feet against 26,925. 14 maunds of myrobollams were also exploited during the year under report.

195. Most of the timber cut in Ratnágiri is procured from Khoti-land, and the yield is, consequently, uncertain.

METHODS OF EXPLOITATION.

196. The selection-method is generally adopted in the exploitation of large and small timber. The trees to be cut are marked, before exploitation, by a Forest-officer, and the wood is then removed by a contractor, or departmentally, to a depôt, where it is sold. In Kolába, a good deal of wood is sold standing.

197. Fuel-forests are cut clean, and the produce is sold after stacking at so and so much per 100 cubic-feet.

198. Improvement-fellings are confined to plantations and to the larger and best-stocked forests of Belgaum and Kánara, where large areas are annually taken in hand.

199. The areas over which improvement fellings were carried out aggregated about 250,000 acres. Almost the whole of this area comes under the category of saleable fellings.

200. Bamboos are exploited on the permit-system.

CHAPTER IV.**FINANCIAL RESULTS.**

201. The details of the year's transactions are shown in Forms No. 61—65 appended.

202. The receipts and expenditure of the Southern Circle for the period under report, 1st April, 1892, to 30th June 1893, were :—

| Receipts. | CHARGES. | | | Surplus. |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|---------|----------|
| | A.—Conser- vancy and Works. | B.—Establish- ments. | Total. | |
| Rs. | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. |
| 1,384,371 | 460,866 | 358,276 | 819,142 | 565,229 |

203. The figures for the financial years 1891-92 and 1892-93 were :—

| Year. — | Receipts. | CHARGES. | | | Surplus or net revenue. |
|--------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------------------------|---------|----------------------------|
| | | A.—Conservancy and Works. | B.—Establish- ments. | Total. | |
| | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. |
| 1891-92 ... | 1,147,707 | 437,415 | 267,816 | 705,231 | 442,476 |
| 1892-93 ... | 1,201,085 | 388,824 | 285,773 | 674,597 | 526,488 |
| Increase ... | 53,378 | | 17,957 | | 84,012 |
| Decrease ... | | 48,591 | | 30,634 | |

204. Both the gross and the net revenues of the year under report were larger than those of the year before. The increase is met with chiefly in the Northern Division of Kánara and Kolába, and is due to more favourable sales of timber exploited by Government Agency.

205. The following shows the revenue and outstandings at the end of the period under report, as well as at the end of the financial years :—